

Mr Garrison



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Dear Sir: The colored Citizens of New Bedford have had a public Meet Meeting, upon the subject, and they have voted to celebrate the next Anniversary of British West India Emancipation August 1st 1849 =

The plan is similar to our celebration of last year =

A good Band of Music, has been engaged = In the morning a procession and march to a cool Grove already engaged =

A Committee of Ladies and Gentlemen, has been appointed to prepare Refreshments for the occasion, and this part will be well cared for =

Last Evening, the Committee of arrangements met, and voted to send and invite Mr Garrison, to address us, on the occasion, at the Grove, and they appointed me, to write to you, to that effect;

We shall be very glad if you will consent to come; If you do, we shall surely defray your expenses, and pay you for your services =

We hope it will not interfere with any other arrangements, nor be averse

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to your feelings otherwise to be with, us
on this occasion.

But should you not
consent to come we beg you will so
far favor us, as to point out to us,
some good Anti Slavery Speaker
who will be likely to address us, on
that day, ~~tender~~ an invitation.

Please to favor us with an
early reply and oblige for the
committee

Yours with respect

J. B. Sanderson

New Bedford July 18th 49

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